

REMARKS

At the time of this final Office Action dated July 15, 2003, claims 3-18 and 20 were pending. Of those claims, claims 5-18 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 3 and 4.

In this Amendment, claims 3 and 20 have been amended, and the specification has been amended to correct typo graphical errors. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Specifically, claim 3 has been amended to replace "a" with --the--. Claim 20 has been amended based on the limitations recited in original claim 3. Adequate support for the amendment of claim 20 can be found in, for example, Figs. 5 and 8.

In this Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In response, Applicant notes that the §102(e) rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits withdrawal of the rejection and solicits favorable consideration of claim 20.

The Examiner has also objected to the specification. First, the Examiner pointed out that the title of the invention is not descriptive. In response, Applicant has amended the title of the invention, as attached.

Second, the Examiner asserted that the summary of invention section and its header are missing. In the previous response, Applicant argued that since the present Application was filed through PCT route and was consistent with PCT Rule, requesting Applicant to change an application format contradicts the spirit of PCT and thus is not acceptable (see the first to third full paragraphs of the June 12, 2003 Amendment). The Office Action then

responded that "The Applicant is invited to provide argument regarding MPEP §1302.01, specifically, form paragraph 13.07... for consideration" (the first full paragraph at page 5 of the Office Action). The form paragraph 13.07 in MPEP §1302.01 is reproduced as follows:

Applicant is required to modify the brief summary of the invention and to restrict the descriptive matter so that they are confined to and in harmony with the invention to which the allowed claims are directed.

In response, Applicant submits that MPEP §1302.01 is irrelevant to whether the summary of invention section and its header are missing, because such a section header is not required. The specification complies with 35 C.F.R. by including a summary at page 4 of the specification. Although MPEP §608.01(a) presents a "preferred" arrangement of section headers, such an arrangement is not required.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

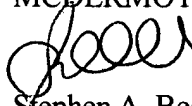
Accordingly, it is urged that the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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